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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Tilefish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2016, from 9 a.m. until noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, *www.mafmc.org* also has details on the proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to create a fishery performance report (FPR) by the Council's Golden Tilefish Advisory Panel (AP). The intent of this report is to facilitate a venue for structured input from the Advisory Panel members for the Golden Tilefish specifications process. The FPR will be used by the Council, its Scientific and

Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Golden Tilefish Monitoring Committee (MC), when

reviewing (at future meetings), and if necessary revising, the current measures designed to

achieve the recommended Golden Tilefish catch and landings limits for 2017.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group

for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and

Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action

during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice

and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section

305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's

intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-

5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 25, 2016.

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